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College 'excited' about planned downtown digs

Fanshawe expanding to new location with up to $20 million from city council

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It looks like arts and culture will play a bigger role in the future of London's downtown.

That's after London city council, in a 10-5 vote, agreed to provide up to $20 million in funding for Fanshawe College's School of Applied and Performance Arts.

Fanshawe already has a theatre arts performance program, with leased space at Citi Plaza, but thanks to council's support, the school plans to acquire one to three new buildings so it can offer programs in technical theatre production and costume design as well as hospitality and digital media.

"We're pretty excited about it. We think it's a great opportunity not only for Fanshawe College, but also for the city of London and our students," said Bernice Hull, vice-president of administration at Fanshawe.

She said that it would be a boost to the arts and culture community in downtown London — the topic of discussion at today's Creative City Summit.

Hull said Fanshawe is expanding into the downtown because it's running out of room at its Oxford Street East campus, and because the city of London has encouraged the move. She added the current program offered at Citi Plaza will probably relocate to a new home, but Hull wasn't sure if other programs will still be offered there.

What comes next? Buying the buildings and making the downtown campus a reality, Hull said.

Stick to the script

- Development of a downtown Fanshawe College campus is part of a 10-year plan for the college.
- Programs are expected to start as early as 2013.
- Up to 1,000 students are expected to be enrolled in new programs by 2021.

Rotary Park. Sk8r

▶ With blossoming trees in the background, Rob Broad whisks by on his skateboard in Rotary Park by the Thames River yesterday afternoon.

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Taking a ride in the park

Despite the grey and cool afternoon, Environment Canada expects it to be warm and sunny for the rest of the week.

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Ont. widens breast cancer fight

Women in Ontario who are at a high risk of getting breast cancer will now have more access to the early detection needed to beat the disease.

The yearly screening program is aimed at women 30 to 49 who are at high risk for breast cancer due to genetic factors or family history.

Health Minister Deb Matthews says there will be about 90,000 more breast cancer screening exams as part of a $15-million, three-year program promised in the 2011 budget.

She says that amounts to 500 women who will have their cancer detected earlier than they normally would.

The plan calls for a July 1 kickoff at 19 sites and includes both an annual breast MRI and a mammogram — a combination believed to be the best way to detect breast cancer for women who are at high risk.

There will also be additional exams for women aged 50 to 69, who are currently covered under the program.

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▶ Deb Matthews

London prepares to get its ghoul on

The Canadian Haunted Attractions Organized Society will hold annual meeting during the convention

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Halloween may not be for another five months, but those who love ghosts, goblins and vampires are in for a treat starting Thursday.

That's when the second annual Canadian Haunted Attractions Convention arrives in the Forest City for a four-day conference.

Held at the London Convention Centre, up to 20 exhibitors and vendors will be on-hand to tantalize Halloween and horror fanatics alike.

"It's probably nothing like London has seen before. It's the only event of its kind in Canada," said organizer Matthew Flagler.

Frightening facts

- Admission is $10, children are admitted free with a paying adult.
- Workshops and other activities are also open to the public at various costs. Visit canadahaunts.ca.

"There's a lot to see and do. You could easily spend an afternoon at the convention centre and not be bored."

Hobnobbing with demonologist Suzy Lewis or checking out Dark Justice — one of the world's largest private collections of medieval torture devices — or chatting with the Ontario Ghostbusters are just a few of the things to explore.

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▶ Dale McCulloch of McCulloch's costume shop models a werewolf costume that will be on display at this weekend's Canadian Haunted Attractions Conference at the London Convention Centre.

Why was London picked to host the convention? Flagler said the city's accessibility — given its proximity to the airport and Highway 401 — was key, but southwestern Ontario is also a hotbed when it comes to haunted attractions.

"If you looked at a list that we've created, out of 150 haunted attractions, about 50 are in southwestern Ontario," Flagler said.

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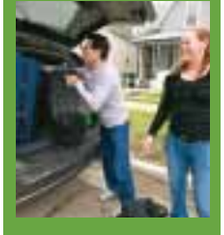

Evacuations continue in Brandon, Man., as the swollen Assiniboine River swells dangerously. Video at metronews.ca

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Crude costs catapult compacts

The wild ride at gas pumps continues and it's driving an increasing number of motorists to opt for smaller, more fuel-efficient cars, according to a new study by the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The Scotia Economics report, which came out on the heels of yet another big spike in pump prices in Ontario yesterday, found sales of compact cars and small crossover utility vehicles jumped 23 per cent in Canada in April compared with a year earlier, a sharp reversal from previous months when pickups and minivans were leading the way.

"Fuel efficiency for a lot of people is No. 1 on their list," said Brian Komar, the assistant sales manager at ToyotaTown on Wharncliffe Road.

139.6 The cost, in cents, of a litre of gas at most stations after prices shot up 6.5 cents in the wake of Monday's boost in crude oil prices.

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News in brief

Eatery steps up sammy game

FOOD. Starting tomorrow, you'll be able to get Big Cheese gourmet grilled-cheese sandwiches at any of the eight Little Red Roaster locations in London, including the Little Red Roaster kiosk at the John Labatt Centre.

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Hanford's books Andretti

CELEB APPEARANCE. Racing legend Mario Andretti is coming to the Forest City. As part of Hanford Tire's 25th anniversary celebration, Andretti is scheduled to greet fans from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Liberals slowed down requests, say NDP

The New Democrats have uncovered more emails they say show Liberal government staff interfering with freedom of information requests.

The NDP obtained copies of a media request for a 2009 audit report on the Niagara Parks Commission, a request that Ministry of Finance officials wanted to transfer to the Ministry of Tourism.

But emails show Andrew Chornenky, now Finance Minister Dwight Duncan's press secretary, told the officials to say instead that no such records exist.

Duncan says all his assistant was doing was telling officials to say no records exist at the Finance Ministry.

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From trike-riding to tri-competing

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▶ From left Paige Platek, 5, Madison Moore, 5, and Robyn Steele, 5, hold on to medals they'll receive next month when they participate in the Kids Tri 4 Kids, a triathlon to be held for children at Carling Heights Community Centre on June 12.

First-ever children's triathlon for the Forest City aims to promote fitness and fundraising

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"It's about celebrating the finish line, not the competition."
JACKIE MOORE, CO-CHAIRWOMAN OF KIDS TRI 4 KIDS

In an era where fitness for kids is key, imagine being able to boast that your three-year-old was in a triathlon.

That's exactly what parents may be able to do next month as the Kids Tri 4 Kids event arrives at Carling Heights Community Centre on June 12.

Children ages three to 13 can participate in the event that does indeed include swimming, biking and jogging as per a normal triathlon.

But the events are age-appropriate and there's more of a light-hearted approach to competition.

Jackie Moore of Scotia McLeod in London, who is co-chairwoman of the event, explained participants can wear water wings in the pool if they want, or ride a tricycle. It's all about getting out, being active and having fun, Moore said.

"It's about celebrating the finish line, not the competition."

Proceeds from the event are destined for Child Reach, a charity group that supports children and the parents who care for them. At the end of the course, children receive a free T-shirt and a medal honouring their participation.

Kids Tri 4 Kids

Up to 350 children can register for the event, with the first 100 being entered into a draw for an iPad.

- **No special equipment** is required to compete.
- **For more information or to register visit:** www.kidstri4kids.com.

Blue boxes may get heavier

As early as this summer, you could be allowed to throw clamshell salad containers and many other items into your blue box.

City council has approved an expanded list of items for recycling, including spiral-wound cardboard cans and other plastic containers.

The city is also still looking into banning plastic bags, which often hold newspapers from blue boxes, but that hasn't gotten the official OK yet.

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Plastic bag ban?

- **A public meeting** will be held June 14 to get feedback on the plastic-bag proposal.

Passion 4 Beauty is reopening

After an extensive renovation in February, Passion 4 Beauty is having a grand reopening tomorrow featuring in-store specials and free prizes. Located at Citi Plaza, the reopening will take place from 4 to 9 p.m.

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A Trew taste of the east coast

Popular Canadian rockers The Trews will open for Kid Rock when he takes the stage at the John Labatt Centre on May 28. Tickets are $65.50 or $49.50. Call 866-455-2849 or visit johnlabattcentre.com to purchase.

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▶ Contest winners, from left, Thomas Sayers, Grace Tang and Megan Arnold.

Trio takes home iPod touches for winning

Three teens each won an iPod touch at the Make Your Mark! teen bookmark design contest awards at Central Library on Monday night.

The winners were Thomas Sayers, 14, Grace Tang, 16, and Megan Arnold, 17. London Public Library received 110 entries to the Make Your Mark! contest for 12 to 18 year olds.

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Deliberate floods may drown farmland

Brandon city official says 300 homes could be affected by controlled release ◐ Agriculture minister says no guarantee of total compensation

Enforcing leave

Police were patrolling Brandon's south side to ensure residents from about 400 homes were obeying orders to leave.

- **Natural gas** lines were shut off to homes due to fears that flood water could shift pipes and break them.
- **Evacuees** have been given up to $29.90 a person each day and told to find a hotel or relative's home to stay.
- **Returning** home was only allowed in order to retrieve medication or check on sump pumps.

Lourens Arendse was grading and bagging onions on his prosperous vegetable farm in south-central Manitoba as recently as Monday afternoon.

By yesterday morning, he was frantically loading sandbags into his truck to try to protect his property from the leading edge of a controlled release from the Assiniboine River.

While the province says 150 homes could be impacted by the release, at least one municipal official says as many as 300 houses and some of the province's most fertile farmland could be swamped.

In Brandon, city crews, volunteers, army reservists and jail inmates seemed to be winning the battle against the swollen Assiniboine River despite steady rain.

But the situation was different further east where Manitoba announced it would open barriers and allow the Assiniboine to spill over a 225-square-kilometre area to relieve pressure on downstream dikes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

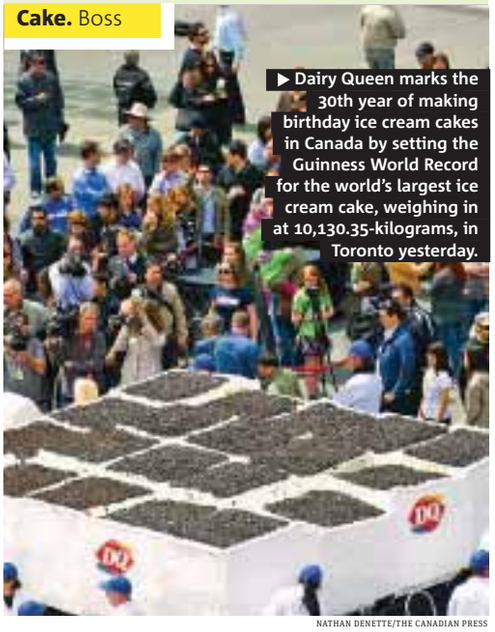
A quick decision?

Decisions involving the release, which could start today, were made within hours on Monday, said Kam Blight, reeve of the Municipality of Portage la Prairie.

"We were first notified midafternoon. We were told we had a few days and then plans changed as of 11 o'clock last night."

Blight said the province's decision to deliberately flood the area, was made because of the consequences of an uncontrolled rush of water through a burst dike. But many are wondering if it couldn't have been another region to take one for the team.

Cake. Boss



▶ Dairy Queen marks the 30th year of making birthday ice cream cakes in Canada by setting the Guinness World Record for the world's largest ice cream cake, weighing in at 10,130.35-kilograms, in Toronto yesterday.

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10,000 kg with icing on top

Hundreds of people turned out yesterday in Toronto to witness the construction of the world's largest ice cream cake. The cake was solid ice cream in the centre, with 90 kilograms of sponge cake on the outside, 136 kg of icing and crushed Oreos on top.

Man blames genital defect in HIV murders

A man convicted of murder through HIV transmission blames an undescended testicle for his current situation, court heard yesterday.

The Crown is seeking a dangerous offender designation for Johnson Aziga, 54, convicted in 2009 of two counts of first-degree murder and 10 counts of aggravated sexual assault. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶Ruth Ellen Brosseau

NDP blames diploma error on staff

The NDP is apologizing for a biography that stated a rookie MP obtained a diploma from an Ontario college — when, in fact, she hadn't.

The party defended Quebec MP-elect Ruth Ellen Brosseau on yesterday, saying a staffer modified her online biography without her permission.

"We're sorry for this error and regret the harm done to Ms. Brosseau," NDP spokesman Marc-Andre Viau wrote in an email.

The NDP said Brosseau never told them she had earned a diploma, and only stated that she had studied there, adding that the single mother is two credits shy of completion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Parent 'blindsided' by sick child

Seeks help at Children's House, funded in part by today's McHappy Day

Like many parents, Angela Gamble-Schell was completely blindsided when, last August, doctors diagnosed her 12-year-old daughter Alysha with pineoblastoma, a malignant brain tumour.

"A week earlier, my kids and I were watching stories of little children on the Sick Kids channel and I thought to myself, I'm so glad that my kids are healthy," she said. "A week later, we ended up down at Sick Kids ourselves."

Alysha's illness would require her to remain near the hospital for an undisclosed amount of time while she underwent tests, radiation and high dose chemotherapy. This put a strain on the family of five from Englehart, Ont., a small town seven hours north of Toronto.

"The doctors were telling us this is a very long road," Gamble-Schell said. "And we worried about how we were going to stay in the city with Alysha."

A social worker suggested the Ronald McDonald Children's House, a charity-run home for families, like the Schells, who need supportive, long-term accommodations while their child undergoes treatment.

More than 10,000 families come through their doors each year, says Cathy Loblaw, executive director of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Canada, and each of the 12 Houses across Canada is designed to be like a "home away from home."

After about a year, Alysha has conquered her illness and the Schells will soon head home. "It's been a long road and it was very scary, but she's our hero now," Gamble-Schell said. JORDANA DIVON/FOR METRO

COURTESY MCDONALD'S CANADA

▶ McDonald's Canada founder George Cohon with kids at a previous McHappy Day, where $1 from each Big Mac goes toward children's charities like the Ronald McDonald House.

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▶ Skype CEO Tony Bates, left, and Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer shake hands during a news conference in San Francisco yesterday.

Microsoft makes a call on Skype

$8.5-billion US deal is largest in company's history

Microsoft's $8.5-billion US purchase of Skype is the biggest deal in the software maker's 36-year history, but it also means a billion-dollar payout for the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, a major stakeholder in the popular Internet telephone service.

Buying Skype would give Microsoft a potentially valuable communications tool as it tries to become a bigger force on the Internet and in the increasingly important smartphone market. Microsoft said it will marry Skype's functions to its Xbox game console, Outlook email program and Windows smartphones.

The CPPIB paid $300 million for a 15 per cent stake in Skype in 2009 when the majority of the service was sold off by eBay Inc. for about $2 billion US to an investor group that also included Skype's original founders. EBay kept the remaining 35 per cent interest in the company.

However, the settlement of patent litigation has diluted the board's stake to a current 11.7 per cent, for which it will receive $930 million if the deal goes through — tripling its initial investment.

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About 170 million people log in to Skype's services every month, though not all of them make calls.

BREAD RISES

George Weston profit boost

Food processor George Weston Ltd. says wholesale buyers have been resisting price increases it started charging earlier this year to help offset the rising cost of ingredients it uses to make breads and other products.

The bakery company — which reported sharply higher first-quarter profits yesterday — raised prices about five per cent starting April 1 to help deal with skyrocketing costs for commodities like wheat, sugar and corn.

The company has said that climbing commodity prices, plus the higher cost of gasoline, could have a $65-million effect on its bottom line this year.

George Weston Ltd. said yesterday that its first-quarter profits more than doubled to $105 million, helped by stronger operating performance from its Weston Foods and Loblaw grocery store divisions.

The baked goods and grocery giant reported that profits came in at $1.07 per share on an adjusted basis, which was above expectations. Analysts had predicted earnings of 78 cents per share, according to a survey by Thomson Reuters.

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When was the last time you broke the law?

If you're like the average Brit, it was probably the last time you got into the car: Running a red light, texting, speeding, not wearing your seatbelt, parking in the handy handicapped spot, or bumping into someone's car and skulking away from the scene of the accident without leaving contact info.

Nor is the average Brit's criminal activity restricted to the automobile. In a recent gocompare.com survey of 3,000 ordinary felons, 28 per cent admitted to taking drugs and another 34 per cent confessed to having sex in public — no word on whether or not they were wearing their seatbelts at the time.

The not-so-veddy proper British break the law an average of 21 times per year. When they're not having sex in public (probably in their cars, where they appear to do everything but drive), they're downloading illegal music or failing to pick up after their pooch.

"When they're not having sex in public (probably in their cars, where they appear to do everything but drive), they're downloading illegal music or failing to pick up after their pooch."

Here in the colonies, it can't be much better. Because in England, everyone is jammed together; there's a surveillance camera every six feet, and if you even think about breaking the law, they've got you on video. Here in the New World, there's plenty of wide open space to evade detection.

Speaking of confessions, I'm probably guilty of every violation on the survey, although I can't remember the last time I had sex in public and don't know how to download music illegally (without getting a virus). But the spirit is willing.

There's comfort in numbers. According to the survey, 79 per cent of Brits violate the speed limit. And that's only because traffic is bad.

Are people getting worse or are there just too many laws? The spokesman for the survey company thinks Brits are so used to breaking the law on a daily basis they hardly notice. And he thinks it's much worse than 21 times per year. Most people don't know, for example, that it's illegal to ride your bike on the sidewalk or fail to pick up after your cockapoo.

It's just too easy to break the vast array of unenforceable laws that allegedly govern our behaviour. The solution — to pass more laws in an attempt to bludgeon us into submission — just feeds our criminal intent.

So it's kind of hilarious when Stephen Harper says he is going to get tough on crime and we all nod our heads in solemn accord. Right.

And by the way, how many laws did HE break yesterday?

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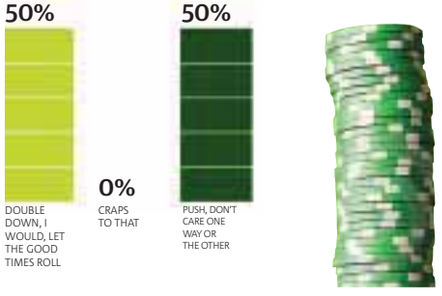

Local tweets

- **@jo_mAmA:** If you are interested in being part of a #ldnontflashmob this summer, please email me! londonflashmob@mail.com #ldnont
- **@ChazCharlie:** In downtown #ldnont — want to see an awesome depiction of contemporary life — check the Wanda Koop exhibit http://bit.ly/l4vhDr
- **@kimdangnguyen:** "here's a 20 I know how it feels to be a student" thank goodness your wife went to #uwo
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Letters

OTTAWA. In the past I have always been a supporter of NDP policy and continue to agree with many of their principles.

However, the recent articles outlining their intended efforts to strengthen Quebec's language laws upset me.

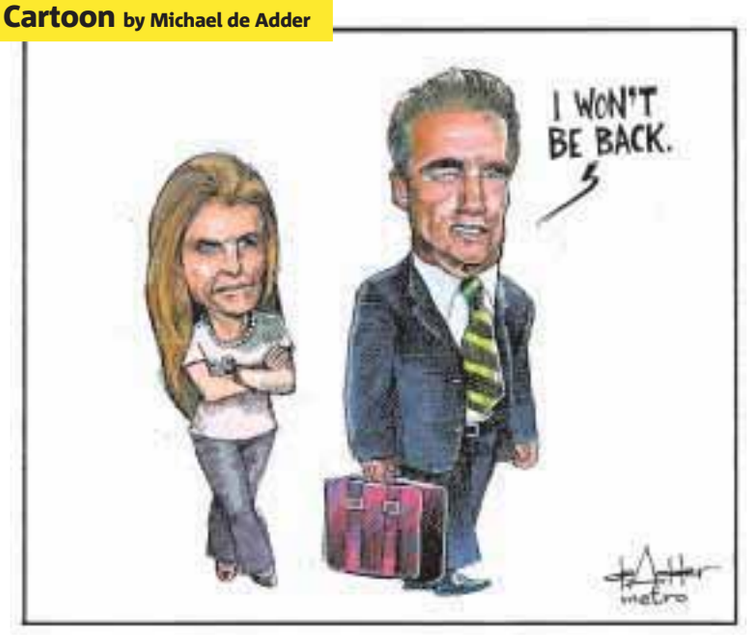
Every position in federal and provincial governments does not require French language skills. Many people know someone who was paid to attend mandatory French language training and never uses it.

▶ Jack Layton

Many university educated anglophones are excluded from jobs and careers because of current policy. The language restrictions need to be relaxed, not get more stringent. I have no problem with advancing bilingual candidates where a position truly warrants it, since speaking two languages is certainly an asset. I feel so strongly about this issue that the NDP has lost me as a supporter.

NATASHA SOROKAN

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Rome rejects rumbling rumours

Italian officials are going to extraordinary lengths to try to debunk an urban legend predicting a devastating earthquake in Rome today.

The country's civil protection department has posted an information packet on its website stressing that quakes can't be predicted and Rome isn't particularly at risk.

The national geophysics institute will open its doors to the public today to inform the curious and the concerned about seismology.

The effort is all designed to debunk a purported prediction of a major Roman quake on May 11, 2011, attributed to self-taught seismologist Raffaele Bendandi, who died in 1979. The only problem is Bendandi never made the prediction, says Paola Lagorio, president of the association in charge of Bendandi's documentation.

Lagorio insists there is no evidence in Bendandi's papers of any such precise prediction and blames unidentified forces who want to "frighten people and create this situation of panic that is attributed to a prediction Bendandi never made."

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His booty's full of awards

Geoffrey Rush tells Metro how he lives the life of an award-winning actor and a pirate

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▶ Geoffrey Rush plays Captain Barbossa in the fourth installment of The Pirates of the Caribbean.

Coming off the critical raves — plus awards and nominations — he received for The King's Speech, Australian actor Geoffrey Rush is easing back into his pirate drawl to once again play Capt. Barbossa opposite Johnny Depp's Jack Sparrow in Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides.

Metro sat down for a one-on-one with the Oscar winner.

I hear you snuck into one of the press screenings to catch the film.

I thought I wanted to hold off until [the premiere at] Disney Land and do all of that stuff, but there are three journeys in this film that are on individual ships, so I only knew everything that happened to Barbossa and the Royal Navy on the Providence, but I had no idea how they'd shot the mermaid stuff, how they'd done the Queen Anne's Revenge. It was fantastic; it was really thrilling.

What do you think of how Barbossa has progressed from the first film?

It's an enjoyable thing. I think we would've run out of validity for him being part of the storyline if he'd remained only the kind of dark, black-hearted mercenary villain from Part One. And within the story, in the trilogy and now in Part Four, they've brought in Cutler Beckett from the East India Trading Company as a kind of corporate villain adversary for Jack Sparrow, and there's been Davy Jones and now we've got Blackbeard. That's given Barbossa room to move.

With two more films planned for the series, where do you see him going?

Johnny and I were saying, you know, if only these two guys could get together, they would be the best kick-ass team in the world. Because Jack's got an extraordinary daring, improvisational, "take the crises as they come and deal with them" (attitude), and Barbossa fancies himself as a rather brilliant strategic long-term-planning mastermind. But they're always at odds, completely.

Are you familiar with the phrase "EGOT"?

I've been made aware of it. I know it came up in a 30 Rock episode.

It means winning an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony. You have three. Do you have any plans to try to win a Grammy?

(laughs) Oh, well, you know. I had no thought way back even of being honoured by the Academy with an Oscar, and I remember thinking, "It's highly unlikely that I'll end up doing anything for American television, so where would an Emmy come from?"

Let alone a Tony, because — particularly with Exit the King, taking an Australian production to Broadway, there was no precedent for that.

But the Grammy thing, I don't know. I'll have to put out a rather boring album of poetry or something.

(laughs) You know, it's not keeping me awake.

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▶ Al Pacino arrives at the HBO Emmy party.

Pacino's gotta be in Gotti

Al Pacino is telling a new mob family story in the crime saga Gotti: Three Generations.

Pacino will play Gambino crime family underboss Neil Dellacroce, an associate and mentor to John Gotti Sr. (John Travolta), says the film's producer, Fiore Films.

Gotti reunites Pacino with Levinson, who directed the actor in his role as Dr. Jack Kevorkian in last year's TV movie You Don't Know Jack, for which Pacino won an Emmy. Levinson also was a producer on Pacino's 1997 crime drama Donnie Brasco and co-wrote his 1979 court saga And Justice for All.

The cast also includes Lindsay Lohan, Joe Pesci and Travolta's wife, Kelly Preston.

"There's this whole thing about fathers and sons that plays through this piece," Levinson said of the film, based on the life story of Gotti's son, John Gotti Jr.

"You had a huge character in John Gotti, who's basically old school and believed in the structure of that whole system, and the son at a certain point in time basically begins to reject it and wants out of it. He says, 'I can't live my life this way,' so I think that's a real conflict," said Levinson.

Fiore Films made the announcement yesterday in Cannes, where the 64th Cannes Film Festival opens today.

"Al Pacino is one of the finest actors of all time and will bring an unsurpassed level of reality and excitement to the film," said Marc Fiore, the company's CEO.

The big casting question left is who will play Gotti Jr.

"My guess is it's going to be someone that we may not really know," Levinson said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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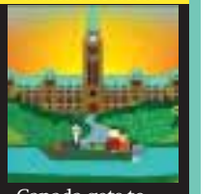
Scene in brief



Canada gets to celebrate an over-the-top royal wedding of its own this week thanks to South Park.

The foul-mouthed animated series spoofs the nuptials of Will and Kate on Wednesday with a special episode all about a Canuck royal union.

This ceremony features "the prince of Canada," who is "aboot" to wed a princess in a televised ceremony watched by "literally thousands."

The episode airs Wednesday on the Comedy Network and repeats Friday.

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Sarah Ferguson tells Oprah Winfrey it was 'difficult' not to be invited to royal wedding

PRIESTS DOMINATE BIG SCREEN

IN FOCUS

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What role do Paul Bettany, Robert de Niro, Rowan Atkinson and Max von Sydow share? Mr. Jennifer Connelly, the Oscar winner, Mr. Bean, and the legendary Swedish superstar all have one part in common; they have all played priests on the big screen.

In this weekend's post-apocalyptic action horror film, Priest, Bettany plays the title character, a warrior pastor hunting the vampires who kidnapped his niece. Based on Min-Woo Hyung's graphic novels, the movie also features Christopher Plummer as the Monsignor, described by the legendary Canadian actor as "a horrible priest gone wrong — a lovely, stylish villain."

In the Barry Levinson film, Sleepers, De Niro was Father Bobby, a Hell's Kitchen priest who lies in court to prevent four of his parishioners from going to jail for killing a sadistic prison guard.

Atkinson played Father Gerald, a new vicar performing his first marriage ceremony in Four Weddings and a Funeral. The tongue-tied priest has some of the film's funniest lines, including, "In the name of the father, the son and the holy goat. Er... ghost."

Probably the most famous movie celebrant is Father Lankester Merrin, as portrayed by Max von Sydow in The Exorcist and the Exorcist II: The HereticVon. Sydow is one of the few actors to have played both God in The Greatest Story Ever Told and the Devil in Needful Things. But, it his first film and the iconic line "The Power of Christ compels you!" that is most memorable.

Fresh directors take the spotlight at Cannes

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN FRANCE

Who said Cannes is a private club? The 64th Cannes Film Festival, which opens today, is full of fresh new talents with seven first time directors, two of them candidates for the famous Palme d'Or.

"It's a happy coincidence," says Cannes boss Thierry Frémaux. "We didn't choose young directors on purpose, but it turned out they deserved to compete with the likes of Pedro Almodovar, Nanni Moretti or Lars Von Trier."

Among the newcomers is Australian writer Julia Leigh with her first film, Sleeping Beauty. This erotic tale of a young call girl, who forgets about her clients in the morning, stars Emily Browning, the lead actress in Hollywood blockbuster Sucker Punch.

Another first time director is Austrian Markus Schleinzer, a former casting director of Palme d'Or winner Michael Haneke.

His movie, Michael, may create strong controversy since its main character is a pedophile murderer.

Other fresh directors are French actress Maiwenn, who will present Polisse, a cop movie with French rapper JoeyStarr; the Danish Nicolas Winding Refn, who brings, Drive, his first American film starring actor Ryan Gosling; and Scottish director Lynne Ramsay, with We Need to Talk About Kevin, the portrait of a teenage sociopath.

Could they win the Palme d'Or? It happened in the past. Martin Scorsese with Taxi Driver in 1976, Steven Soderbergh with Sex, Lies and Videotape in 1989, Australian Jane Campion in 1993 with The Piano and Quentin Tarantino with Pulp Fiction in 1994. Who will be next?

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▶ British actress Tilda Swinton stars in We Need to Talk About Kevin featured at the 64th Cannes Film Festival.

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Schwarzenegger says that he won't be back

Maria Shriver and Arnold release statement that they are now living apart

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Former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver have separated, according to the Los Angeles Times.

"At this time, we are living apart while we work on the future of our relationship," the couple says in a statement.

"We are continuing to parent our four children together. They are the light and the center of both of our lives. We consider this a private matter and neither we nor any of our friends or family will have further comment."

The couple celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last month.

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▶ Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver

Celebrity tweets

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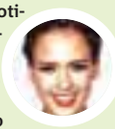

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Hot on Captain Jack Sparrow's trail

The fourth installment of the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise was filmed in some amazing locations around the globe that are worthy of a voyage of your own to explore

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

The producers behind the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise didn't let the series' name limit them when it came to locations for the latest film, sending Johnny Depp's loveable Capt. Jack Sparrow around the world in search of the fabled Fountain of Youth, from London to Hawaii and, of course, to the Caribbean.

Metro has handily charted his course so that you can embark on your own quest.

FIRST STOP: LONDON

The film starts with a high-speed carriage chase through 18th century London, something difficult to recreate in 2011. But while in England's capital, check out some of the film's exterior locations, including the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich and Hampton Court Palace, once the home of Henry VIII, which stood in for St. James Court.

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▶ Palominito Beach in Puerto Rico is just one of the great locations that was used for shooting of Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides.

SECOND STOP: HAWAII

The On Stranger Tides action then heads to Hawaii. Most of the film's sailing footage was shot in the pristine waters off the coast of Oahu, with the crew making landfall on Kauai. "There's a section of this movie which is very Indiana Jones-like, where there's a trek through the most amazing jungles you've ever seen," says production designer John Myhre. "We found these unbelievable jungles on Kauai — jungles, waterfalls. Huge over-scaled growth, the most beautiful mountains you've ever seen."

THIRD STOP: PUERTO RICO

Finally, the film winds up in the actual Caribbean, shooting on the gorgeous white sands of Palominito, an islet off the northeastern coast of Puerto Rico. The uninhabited gem is reachable by boat, and only Depp and co-star Penelope Cruz set foot on the beach, with the rest of the crew bobbing off-shore so as not to leave any footprints. The crew also filmed scenes on the main island, using Old San Juan's spectacular Castillo de San Cristobal, a massive fort built by the Spanish in 1783.

60 seconds

GETTING THE LOOK OF ON STRANGER TIDES

Academy Award-winning production designer John Myhre told us about filming and travelling for the latest Pirates of the Caribbean.

How did the look of this installment differ from the others?
Our movie had a much more rugged look to it, so our world of Pirates of the Caribbean wasn't necessarily white-sand beaches and beautiful palm trees. We found beautiful rocky areas. We used a beautiful spot on Oahu called Halona Cove.

If you were to return to one of the film's locations for a holiday, which would it be?
I just fell in love with Kauai. Kauai to me was everything that you want Hawaii to be. It was just such lush, beautiful, gorgeous vegetation.

Travel in brief

Bob Thirsk gave his sleeping bag and Chris Hadfield offered his guitar They're among about 20 items that went to space and back and were provided by Canadian astronauts for a new long-term exhibition at the Canada Aviation and Space Museum, which opens May 12.
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Edmonton, the city of festivals

There is a wide variety of events on this summer in Alberta's capital
Auto racing, buskers and folk music

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▶ IndyCars are set to hit the streets of Edmonton again this summer from July 22-24. It is just one of the exciting events going on in the city that is bound to draw in visitors.

Visitors, start your engines!

A revamped IndyCar race at the downtown airport of Alberta's capital city highlights a summer of vacation fun in what is known as the province's "Festival City."

"Bring your earplugs and bring your sunblock," said Anne Roy of Octane Motorsports, which is overseeing the July 22-24 Edmonton Indy.

It's the sixth open-wheel race to run in the city but the first on a revamped 13-turn circuit that features a straight-away rivalling the super-oval track at the famed Indianapolis Speedway.

"I'm excited to go out and see exactly where the track is going to lay out," said Toronto's Paul Tracy, one of three Canadian drivers who will suit up for the race against high-profile rivals including Will Power, Dario Franchitti and Danica Patrick.

"The old Edmonton track was one of the toughest and most physically demanding tracks you come across, (but) it was time for a change," he said.

"I'm confident the new track will be even more exciting. It's going to be better for passing."

Joining Tracy will be fellow Canadians James Hinchcliffe of Toronto and Alex Tagliani of Lachenaie, Que.

The Indy race is just one of the premier events taking place in Edmonton this summer.

The festival season kicks off with The Works Art and Design Festival from June 23 to July 5.

It's the largest art and design festival of its kind in North America and will showcase the work of artists from around the world in more than 250 exhibits, workshops and performances in sites in and around the downtown core.

Those who want to bask in buskers can stay in the heart of the city and enjoy the Edmonton International Street Performers Festival from July 8-17 in Churchill Square, beside the glass pyramid roof of City Hall.

It's a pass-the-hat payment system for the impromptu crowds expected to watch an international band of jugglers, acrobats, hip hop musicians and sword swallowers.

Events really heat up in late July with the Indy, a Taste of Edmonton and Capital EX.

Capital EX is Edmonton's long-running midway carnival, the successor to the old Klondike Days. It's famous for its carnival rides, midway, casino, parades, concerts and nightly fireworks. The show this year is from July 22-31.

EX-fans will also be able to watch youth between ages five and 21 sing, dance and act on stage in the 25th annual Northern Star Talent Search.

The popular Taste of Edmonton event runs July 21-30. Downtown visitors with a sweet-tooth or simply with a taste for adventure can sample food from a variety of city restaurants set up in booths in Churchill Square.

The Edmonton Folk Music Festival hits the stage from Aug. 4 to Aug. 7 in Gallagher Park, just south of downtown. Music lovers can recline on blankets on hillside and soak in the sounds. Confirmed artists for this year include k.d. lang and Joe Louis Walker.

From July 30 to Aug. 1 is the long-running Heritage Festival at William Hawrelak Park, just west of the core. It's an annual celebration of the city's multicultural heritage. There are 63 pavilions set up on the grass representing 85 cultures from around the world. There are dance performances, food, crafts, and story tellers. Admission is free.

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Don't miss the fringe fest

The capstone to the season is the widely acclaimed Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival.

This year is the 30th anniversary of what has become the largest theatre event of its kind in North America. It will take place Aug. 11 to 21, and promises a range of works from the endearingly kitschy to unforgettable moments of theatre magic. For more info edmontonindy.com, eventsedmonton.ca, edmontonstreeetfest.com, fringetheatre.ca, capitalx.ca, heritage-festival.com, theworks.ab.ca, efmf.ab.ca.

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Ideas for off-season travel options

If you were thinking of hitting the hottest beach spots or the national parks' best hotels this summer, booking at this late date could require a serious investment.

But there are still ways to take a great vacation without sacrificing your wallet. Consider travelling where everyone else does not at this time of year, like a ski resort or an island just outside the hurricane belt.

Here are five tips for booking off-season vacations in high-style locations.

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Head to the Hills

Ski resorts remain popular destinations off-season; vacationers can ride ski lifts into the mountains for hiking, mountain biking and many other summer activities. But you will spend much less for lodging than during the winter.

"You can get a really great discount, I would say somewhere between 20 to 40 per cent," by booking off-season, says Anne Banas, executive editor of smartertravel.com.

FLICKR: DAVID STANLEY

Do your ABCs

A vacation to much of the Caribbean during hurricane season — which runs from June through November — can be unpredictable or worse. But some Caribbean islands lie outside the hurricane belt, and prices there drop for the summer too.

Though not bargain-basement cheap, a trip to the so-called ABC islands — Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao — is more affordable in summer than winter, and you will be outside the danger zone.

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Try the Gulf

Yes, that Gulf. The Gulf of Mexico. A year after the oil spill, Gulf coasters want people to come back, and they are ready to deal.

"It's beautiful, and hotel rates are still lower than they have been," says Jason Clampet, senior online editor of Frommers.com. He estimates that staying in many Gulf of Mexico resorts now costs roughly what it did in 2004.

FLICKR: ED NEDMAN

Go to Town

Banas says a trip to a major metropolis like New York, Boston or Chicago can be had at a discount in the summer. "You want to think of alternatives to what everyone else wants to do," says Banas.

Particularly in August, city dwellers flee in droves, and top hotels — especially those that cater to business travellers — often are in need of customers, Banas said. Also consider renting a place from one of those vacationing residents through a website like airbnb.com.

FLICKR: WALLES

Be Flexible

Above all, if you stay flexible about every aspect of your trip, you will save the most.

For deals, Clampet recommends "flash" travel sites, which take the approach of members-only clothing and accessories sellers like Rue La La or Gilt and offer travel at steep discounts for brief periods. Options include sniqueaway.com, VoyagePrive.com and jetsetter.com. Because these sites are new, they're very competitive, Clampet says.

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STUDENT VOICE

SARAH SAYED
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My curiousity and interests led me to graduate with two degrees from the University of Ottawa: a degree in biochemistry and a degree in chemical engineering.

While still in school, I was warned that landing a job would be difficult, so I attended several career fairs and actively researched the job market.

A year later, I am still looking for work. Family friends frequently point out that their son with only one degree has found a job, so what am I doing wrong?

Having two degrees, I am considered over-qualified for some positions, while lacking the experience employers expect. I have laboratory research experience in the university and hospital setting; however this does not qualify as engineering experience.

Post-graduation is difficult for everyone. I have friends who have done co-op placements with the government, with rave reviews from their bosses, only to not land a job after graduation due to departmental freezes.

Success comes from good timing, being open-minded and persistent, but in the end it's dumb luck!

Most of my colleagues have gotten jobs by networking with their contacts. A friend of mine landed a job through someone his mom met while working out at the gym.

I think employers should organize more events where potential recruits can meet with company members as part of the application process. A good personality and passion for the organization's work is much more important in the long term than experience.

While the volume of applicants makes it impossible to allow job seekers to call or meet with employers, many excellent candidates will be overlooked if screening is done solely on the basis of the number of key words that exactly reiterate the job requirements.

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Where Sarah is now

I will attend career fairs to try to meet employers face to face rather than relying on online applications. Meanwhile, I am studying classical oil painting techniques, freelancing as a graphic designer and working part-time as an art assistant and portraiture model. As you can imagine, it is really devastating for someone to go through focused professional college-like training, only to not find work in their chosen field. Art has taught me to be patient through the hard times.

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▶ Sarah Sayed wants employers to give job candidates more face time so that passionate, driven individuals such as herself won't be so easily overlooked.

What I learned

Key take-aways from Sarah's school-to-work transition

- Before you graduate, research what kind of experience is in-demand in your industry by asking your professors, searching online and arranging informational interviews with professionals in your field.
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Rear

Kia's designers have done a pretty good job at loping off the sedan's trunk and integrating the new rear end of the Forte5.

The lines remain crisp and purposeful from all angles, accentuated by the blacked-out door pillars and wrap-around taillights.

From the back though, the Forte5 appears suspiciously similar to the Subaru Impreza, a vehicle that automaker unabashedly refers to as a wagon. No wonder there's confusion out there.

Carrying capacity

The most important measurement for any practical hatch is the volume of stuff it can carry.

With the rear seat folded flat, the Forte5 can swallow a fair chunk of groceries; more than the Toyota Matrix or Mitsubishi Lancer Sportback but not as much as the Hyundai Elantra Touring or the diminutive (but surprisingly spacious) Honda Fit.

Engine

Common to all Forte body styles is the two-engine lineup. The base LX and EX models run with the 156-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder, while a 173-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder belongs to the fancier SX.

Fuel economy with the base engine and automatic transmission is rated at 5.5 l/100 km city and 8.0 highway. Those impressive numbers are sufficient to propel the Forte5 to the head of its compact wagon/hatchback class.

▶ As more people downsize in the name of fuel economy, the available cars will have to do and hold more. No problem for the Kia Forte5, but it also has available leather seating, climate control and navigation, so you can save gas and still get a comfy ride.

Forte5 more than just an 'economy car'

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The term "fuel economy" has always brought with it the "economy car" stigma, but there's a definite shift going on in 2011: good on gas can also mean a good car.

Maybe even a great car.

As if Kia was trying to prove the point, buyers now have a highly versatile Forte5 as well as the sedan and two-door "Koup" to choose from.

The Korea-based automaker refers to the Forte5 as a hatchback, but there's little to differentiate it from most typical wagons.

Some might argue that the rear opening must be virtually vertical for a wagon to be called a wagon, while others believe the amount of storage space is the ideal determining factor.

In any event, if Kia prefers calling the Forte5 (obviously not bothering to differentiate between passenger doors and rear-access cargo openings) a hatchback, then so be it.

In any event, the four-door Forte5 uses the same basic platform as the sedan and both cars are equal in width and in distance between the front and rear wheels.

However, the Forte5 is actually shorter in overall length by about 19 centimetres and is trimmer by about 23 kilograms as a result.

Whether entry level or loaded to the hilt, the Forte5 is a handsome, practical and affordable hauler.

4 drive

By comparison

Toyota Matrix
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Flared jeans are coming back. This time I'll take a pass. I suffered enough. I wore them all through high school in the 1970s, combined with long, centre-parted hair.

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▶ The Porsche GT3 R Hybrid is an example of a modern, high-performance car, augmented with electrical power.

But some things are definitely worth reviving. A case in point is luxury and high-performance cars, augmented with electrical power.

They're hybrids, yes, but hybrids on the other side of the spectrum from Toyota Prius.

The Prius and its ilk are all about fuel efficiency. The cache of a luxury/performance hybrid, however, is three-fold: increased power, increased fuel efficiency, and the fact that this power and efficiency is only possible through exclusive and expensive technology not everybody can afford.

Like how many people will be able to afford the crazy new hybrid that Jaguar just announced?

Based on the C-X75 concept the British automaker displayed at the 2010 Paris auto show, production versions will be restricted to just 200 examples, at 700,000-plus British Pounds each?

I believe that translates to over $1 million Canadian dollars, but I'm not sure, as I have been trying to stay away from math ever since Mr. Runstedtler's Grade 10 calculus class.

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Porsche is on to its third hybrid. By fall, we should see the $108,700 Panamera S Hybrid, which shares the same V6-electric powertrain as the Cayenne S Hybrid.

▶ This is a replica of Porsche's first gas-electric hybrid, the Semper Vivas, which was built in 1900.

The other hybrid is a race car — the 911 GT3 R Hybrid. When the Panamera S Hybrid was first shown in North America, at the recent auto show in New York, it was accompanied by a replica of Porsche's — and probably the world's — first gas-electric hybrid.

Ferdinand Porsche was just 24, when he engineered and built the 1900 Semper Vivas, as a member of the Austrian coach-building firm Jacob Lohner.

Only one example was ever built, and it didn't survive.

The Porsche Museum in Stuttgart, Germany, commissioned restorer, Hubert Drescher, to recreate the car, from only one known picture, and several sketches.

I had a chance to speak to Mr. Drescher, at the New York show, and he noted there is not one original part on the car. It was completely re-created.

But the horn and the two 1.7-litre, single-cylinder De Dion Bouton engines are exactly the same vintage and type used on the original car. He found the engines at a flea market. Good score.

The engines drive the rear wheels, and power a dynamo that juices the massive battery pack and the two enormous electric motors fitted to the front wheels.

The Semper Vivas can go 35-40 km/h on a flat road, pretty heady stuff for 1900. But a hill climber it is not. It weights almost two tons.

Gas was pretty cheap and abundant in 1900.

The young Ferdinand Porsche was not looking for electricity as a transportation salvation fuel, as some do today.

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Kesler playing like playoff MVP

Selke Trophy finalist 'driving (Canucks) bus' in playoffs

Ryan Kesler can let his motor idle for a few days.

The gritty centre is the engine that helped drive the Vancouver Canucks over the Nashville Predators into the NHL Western Conference final. Kesler and his teammates will now have some time to relax and repair after the league announced Game 1 of the next series won't begin until Sunday (CBC, 8 p.m.) at Rogers Arena.

"It will be good to get some practice time and really get some down time," Kesler said yesterday. "Rest and recovery is going to be key because it's not going to get any easier going forward. We need to have everyone healthy and everyone going."

The Canucks will play in the conference final for the first time since 1994. It's only the third time in the franchise's 40-year history the team has advanced to the third round.

Kesler set the tone for Monday night's 2-1 victory in Game 6 by crashing into Predator goaltender Pekka Rinne early in the game, then assisted on both of Vancouver's goals.

During the series Kesler had five goals in three games. Two of his goals were game winners, one in overtime. He was on the ice for 11 of Vancouver's 14 goals and finished the series with 11 points.

"We made a couple steps forward. Everything that people said we couldn't do, we did this year."
PREDATORS COACH BARRY TROTZ

When the Canucks looked lost, it was Kesler that led the way. He killed penalties, was rock solid on defence and delivered some bruising hits.

"He was driving our bus," said coach Alain Vigneault. "He played real strong. We need him to continue, without a doubt."

Kesler's name has been mentioned as a potential playoff MVP. Nashville coach Barry Trotz even compared Kesler to Hall-of-Famer Mark Messier.

"You play the game to be your best," said Kesler. "For others to recognize that, especially the other team's coach to say something like that, obviously it's satisfying." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ The Canucks' Ryan Kesler screens Pekka Rinne of the Predators in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals.

Avery's same-sex stance draws criticism

New York Ranger Sean Avery's support for same-sex marriage has drawn fire from a hockey agent.

"Very sad to read Sean Avery's misguided support of same-gender 'marriage.' Legal or not, it will always be wrong," said a tweet from Todd Reynolds, vice-president of Uptown Sports Management, whose clientele includes Chris Neil, Cody McCormick and Mike Fisher.

Avery stated his support in a video that is part of the New Yorkers for Marriage Equality campaign.

After his initial tweet, Reynolds continued.

"To clarify. This is not hatred or bigotry towards gays. It is not intolerance in any way shape or form. I believe we are all equal." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

Man City edge past Spurs

SOCCER. Manchester City qualified for the Champions League for the first time, beating Tottenham 1-0 yesterday on an own goal by Peter Crouch in the 30th-minute. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ochocinco now rodeo bound

NFL. Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chad Ochocinco, who earlier this year had a tryout with Sporting Kansas City of MLS, has accepted a challenge from Professional Bull Riders chief operating officer Sean Gleason to ride a bull at the LucasOil Invitational this weekend in Duluth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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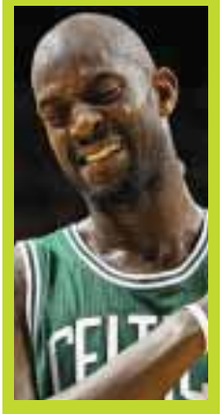

"When our back is against the wall, that's when we show great resilience ... We'll see what we're made of."
POWER FORWARD KEVIN GARNETT, WHOSE BOSTON CELTICS TRAIL THE MIAMI HEAT 3-1 IN THEIR SECOND-ROUND NBA SERIES, WITH GAME 5 TONIGHT IN SOUTH FLORIDA.

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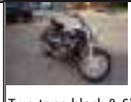

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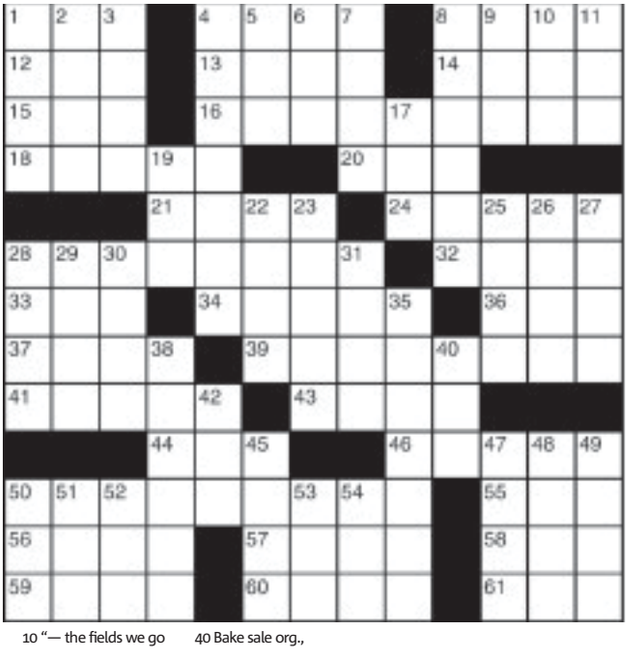

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13 Chills and fever
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15 Aye canceler
16 Disneyland, e.g.
18 React to a pun
20 Mischie-vous tyke
21 "I taut I — puddy-tat!"
24 56-Across style
28 Roughly estimated
32 Mexican entree
33 "Eureka!"
34 Aid for a sore arm
36 Ultra-modernist
37 Soak up some rays
39 Texas city
41 Loathe
43 Bat a gnat
44 Existed
46 West Point newbie
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55 NAFTA signatory
56 Car
57 Satan's specialty
58 Suitable
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60 Relinquish
61 Caustic solution

Down

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2 Culture medium
3 Toy on a string
4 Quick snoozes
5 "That tastes awful!"
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7 Big rig
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9 Geological period
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11 Stir-fry pan
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29 Moby-Dick's pursuer
30 Whip
31 Recognized
35 Large blackbird
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45 Detail, for short
47 Two-way
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▶ Yesterday's answer

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 There is something you have overlooked.
♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You have the confidence to take risks but it won't be so good if you are reckless about it
♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may be tempted to end a relationship that has been nothing but trouble of late.
♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Don't let vague fears and forebodings hold you back from what you want to do today
♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Wait until you are thinking more clearly before making a final decision.
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Others may not be trying to trick you but it's doubtful
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Fate will take its chosen path no matter what you think about it
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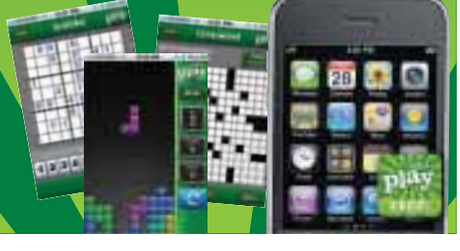

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